

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant notes that in the Office Action mailed December 15, 2009 the Examiner identified the pending as being "Claims 1-81" rather than "Claims 1-80." The patent application publication for the present application only includes Claims 1-80, as does the listing of the claims provided on PAIR.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-27, for examination, without traverse. Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter. Applicant has also canceled Claims 28-80 without prejudice to further prosecution on the merits. Applicant has further added new dependent Claims 81-88 to provide claims of varying scope. New dependent Claims 81-88 depend from independent Claim 1. Applicant submits that dependent Claims 81-88 encompass the elected invention. No new matter has been added. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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